

Weymouth Nov 24th 1848.

Dear Mr May,

Thank you for your information respecting Fannie Hale. I think it would answer very well to delay making arrangements with Mr Taylor till a week from next Monday that is the 4th of Dec. as it will be very inconvenient for either my sisters or myself to come in town merely for the transaction of these business. At the same time, I think it would be better for ^{her} us to be with you when the bargain with him is made, for, (I say it entire words) ~~that~~ Messrs Jackson & Garrison have had such disputes with Mr Taylor, that he looks on all the brethren with suspicious eyes, but is reassured at the sight of a sonnet. I have perfect confidence in his kindness & friendliness and do not apprehend the slightest difficulty with him. But Mr Jackson may be assured I will make as good a bargain with him as if I expected to be cheated out of every cent we made. I am sorry that Fannie Hale was not asked for, for the whole ten days, as I cannot help fearing that some body may ask for it during the latter part of our second week. This is a risk however that I suppose we must

run for this year, but in future, I think
it would always be best to ask for it for
the whole ten days, & then no repeats of
an invasion of "bootjacks" can disturb our
"serene and majestic patience."

When I read poor Mrs Drake's letter, I was almost
repentant that I had sent any messages to her;
she is, to all appearance, so poor & unassisted,
that I almost think she would be excusable
for doing nothing. I am sure the slaves are
the only people that she should work for.
I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry, when
the poor woman said at the last of her letter
that "she would remember the dough nuts."

You know Lucia & Emma accused me of
raising the country for dough nuts on account
of my own personal partialities. My conscience
acquits me, otherwise, poor Mrs Drake's promises
would run when men, & every dough nut would
be like a coal of fire.

My principal solicitude now is
about the Green. I would advise you to stir up
people where you go in that behalf, for with
all Mrs Chapman's exertions last year we
had barely enough, & it was the first year
that we ever did have sufficient. I have
written to Mr Jenkins, and as soon as the snow
is off the ground, shall return two or three boys

to collect queer heresays; that is all I can do personally, except I make a still more energetic appeal through the Liberator. - If you have any means while in Worcester Co. of sending a message to Mrs Bradish, please say that it will not be necessary for her to come to Boston before the day before the Fair. - I should be glad if you could inadvertently ascertain what Ladies are coming from Worcester. Emma thinks it would be a very good thing if Miss Blood could arrange it to be in Boston at the Fair time; she being so good a sales woman that she might be very useful, if not needed at the Worcester table. I hope Mr & Mrs Foster will be able to be here (at the Fair I mean) part of the time at least, for we shall probably have speaking during the later part of the time, as in previous years. I am glad to see Dea. or Everett's communication in this week's Liberator & hope it will stir up the household of faith.

Please to tell Garrison, E. Loring & Wendell, that unless their articles arrive speedily they can have no hand in ringing this year's New. Year's bell upon them, for I am almost out of copy & time flies fast & if there be any delay on my part, Prentiss will lay any final oblong that may occur to my account.

I shall be in town on the 4th at Miss Sargent's & shall remain till after this great battle is fought. I trust we shall gain it, at least come off with our lives; at any rate, I feel in tolerable courage,

though I some times think it that of people when
there is no retreat. I enclose a note for Mr
Levy which I would like you to forward to him.
I believe he lives in Lawrence, but I am
not sure & do not know his address. It is important
that I should know in season whether or no we may
depend on him at the Fair time.

I am plying my dear friend, to transact for
with all these little commissions & arrangements.
But I cannot avoid it. I have come to the conclusion
to do all I can myself, & get all I can in every way
from other people. You do so much, & do it so
willingly, that I am a little hurt at calling upon
you to much in my own personal behalf, but I
will not apologize further, but only say that
all this will much oblige

Yrs very sincerely

A. W. Weston.

Give my love to Mrs May and tell her
that I look forward to meeting her with
much pleasure & hope that she will be willing
to occupy Miss Chapman's place at our
Glasgow Table. I should have known what to do
unless Mary's absence was supplied in this way.

Will you be good enough to pay the postage on
Mr Levy's letter, if it go by mine, & forward it
immediately.